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### MEDIA ADVISORY

## State Economic Symposium to Examine Recession, Potential for Recovery

**TUMWATER** – Economists will discuss the effects of the recession on Washington and the potential for recovery during the 8th Annual Economic Symposium presented by the Washington State Employment Security Department's Labor Market and Economic Analysis branch.

High unemployment, layoffs and labor disputes have dominated headlines for the past year. Many professional and managerial jobs in the Puget Sound were especially hard-hit by this recession. Yet, parts of the state including the Tri-Cities continue to thrive.

The year also promises to be best ever for Washington's \$5.6 billion agricultural sector, although recent developments such as the Mexican tariff on apples, dock workers strike, and the possibility of another drought make this industry volatile too.

Top state economists and employment experts will explain how these issues are affecting Washington, share their economic forecast, and answer questions.

### WHAT

8th Annual Economic Symposium

### WHO

- Kirsta Glenn, Employment Security Chief Economist
- Greg Weeks, Director of Employment Security's Labor Market and Economic Analysis branch
- Sylvia P. Mundy, Employment Security Commissioner
- Marc Baldwin, Employment Security Assistant Commissioner
- Patrick Woods, Labor and Industries Assistant Director of Specialty Compliance Services
- Regional economists and research analysts from Eastern and Western Washington

### WHEN

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002

### WHERE

Department of Labor and Industries auditorium  
7273 Linderson Way S.W., Tumwater

### HIGHLIGHTS

- 9:55-10:40 a.m. "State of the State's Economy"
- 10:40 a.m.-11 a.m. Media availability
- 11-11:30 a.m. Panel on Recession and Recovery in Eastern and Western Washington
- Complete agenda available online at <http://www.wa.gov/esd/lmea/symposium>.

The normal registration fee is \$20 and includes lunch. However, there is no cost for media who wish to attend without a meal. To register or receive additional information, call (360) 438-4800.